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Re: Determination – Investigation into Allegations of Research Misconduct

Dear Dr. Dias:

In accordance with the University of Rochester (the "University") Policy on Research Misconduct (the "Policy"), I am writing to inform you of the final determinations relating to the allegations of research misconduct regarding certain research you carried out with support from the National Science Foundation ("NSF") and other funders. As you know, the investigation committee charged with reviewing these allegations (the "Investigation Committee") completed its review, reviewed your comments to the draft investigation report submitted on January 29, 2024, and submitted its final report to the University on February 9, 2024.

As set forth in the Policy, the University's Provost, David Figlio, PhD, serves as the deciding official in the investigation and is responsible for reviewing the final report and its recommendation, and for making the final findings as to whether research misconduct occurred with respect to any allegation and, if appropriate, as to any corrective actions to be taken. Dr. Figlio has received, read, and considered the Investigation Committee's final report, including your comments to the draft investigation report provided on January 29, 2024.

Based on Dr. Figlio's review of these materials, he has accepted the findings and conclusions with respect to research misconduct as set forth in the Investigation Committee's final report—specifically, the Investigation Committee's findings of research misconduct as to Allegations A1-5, B1-2, C, D1-7, and E.

The University of Rochester also is considering certain corrective actions (whether remedial and/or disciplinary) to be taken in response to these findings. Once final determinations have been made with respect to any such corrective actions, I and/or other University officials will follow up with you to communicate those additional determinations. Please note that the Policy provides examples of potential corrections that may be taken.

As required by the Policy and federal requirements, the University of Rochester will inform NSF and other relevant funding agencies of the final determinations on the allegations in this investigation, including Dr. Figlio's determination, and the University's final decisions regarding any corrective actions.

Sincerely,

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